

# **James Harrison and Cliffie Carrie Daniel**

## **Buckner Family**

James (Jim) Harrison Buckner and Cliffie Carrie Daniel met in Okmulgee County, Oklahoma, and were married in Okmulgee on December 24, 1910. Jim was born on February 2, 1882, in Marshall, Madison County, North Carolina. He was the fourth of ten children born to William (Will) Isaac and Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Dockery Buckner, both natives of North Carolina. In the mid 1890s Jim moved with his family to Clay County, Kentucky. It was from there that the family moved to Oklahoma in 1908.

Cliffie was born on September 26, 1893, in Wills Point, Van Zandt County, Texas. She was the youngest of ten children born to Thomas Wallace and Martha Jane Foster Daniel. Her father moved to Texas from Kentucky and her mother from North Carolina. The Daniel family moved to Oklahoma in



*James Harrison and Cliffie Carrie (Daniel) Buckner.*

E&B. Form No. 60-A—Delayed Birth Certificate—Certified Copy—Bureau V. S. Form 80 with R.D. Certification Edwards & Broughton Co., Raleigh

COUNTY OF MADISON STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

**DELAYED CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH REGISTRATION**

Name at birth JAMES HARRISON BUCKNER Born FEBRUARY 2, 1882

Sex MALE Birthplace (city or town) MARSHALL, N. C. County MADISON

Attendant at birth \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER		MOTHER	
Full name	<u>WILLIAM ISIAH BUCKNER</u>	Full Maiden Name	<u>MARY ELIZABETH DOCKERY</u>
Color	<u>WHITE</u>	Color	<u>WHITE</u>
Birth Year	_____	Birth Year	_____
Birthplace	<u>MARSHALL, MADISON CO., N. C.</u>	Birthplace	<u>MARSHALL, MADISON CO., N. C.</u>

**ABSTRACT OF EVIDENCE**

1. AFFIDAVIT OF OLDER SISTER

2. AFFIDAVIT OF OLDER SISTER

*1982  
1888*

I certify that the evidence described in the above abstract was examined by me or by my agent; and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, such evidence complies with the requirements of the North Carolina State Board of Health for the delayed registration of births.

Date AUGUST 5, 1946 A. W. COATES  
Register of Deeds.

I certify that a search has revealed no prior birth certificate in the Bureau of Vital Statistics for the above named person.

Date filed AUGUST 7, 1946 C. P. STEVICK  
Director, Bureau of Vital Statistics.

**NORTH CAROLINA,**  
MADISON COUNTY.

I, A. W. COATES Register of Deeds of MADISON County,  
do hereby certify the above information is from Volume \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ of the records of Vital Statistics for MADISON County, North Carolina.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 9TH day of AUGUST, 19 46

*A. W. Coates*  
REGISTER OF DEEDS  
DEPUTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

5M-12-15-45-163506

*Delayed Certificate of Birth for James Harrison Buckner issued August 9, 1946.*

1904 but on the way Cliffie's father died near Waco, Texas.

Most of the documents and photographs shown in this Fall, 2018 compilation have been given to me, Carl Kenneth Buckner II, by various family members, including my father, Ruth Buckner Moss, Kathy Moss, Wilma Buckner, and June Laswell. In addition, a large collection of photographs was given to me by a relative of Rita Mae Buckner after she died in 2010. Others have been downloaded from the internet site familysearch,.org.



MARRIAGE LICENSE  
AND CERTIFICATE.

*J H Buckner*  
AND

*Cliffie Daniel*  
*Okmulgee* County, Okla.

Issued *Dec 23* 19 *10*

Married 19

License Recorded *Dec 23* 19 *10*

on page *175* of Marriage Record *Two*

*W M Fullenough* County Judge.  
Clerk County Court.

Marriage License for James Harrison  
Buckner and Cliffie Carrie Daniel issued  
December 23, 1910.

**APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE**

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, Oklmulgee COUNTY, IN COUNTY COURT.

I, J. H. Buckner, the undersigned hereby apply for a Marriage License to be issued to M. J. N. Buckner, aged 28 years, whose residence is Oklmulgee, State of Oklahoma, and Miss Cliffie Daniel, aged 18 years, whose residence is Oklmulgee, State of Oklahoma, and for the purpose of procuring the same, do solemnly swear that I have personal knowledge of the facts herein stated; that the names, ages and places of residence of said parties are truly and correctly set out above; that neither of said parties are disqualified or incapable under the law of entering into the marriage relation, nor are they related to each other within the degrees prohibited by law. That I am 28 years of age, and reside at Oklmulgee, County of Oklmulgee State of Oklahoma.

J. H. Buckner Applicant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 1910.

(Seal) W. M. Fullough County Judge.

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I, the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, named in the above application as being of the age of \_\_\_\_\_ years, do hereby consent to marriage to \_\_\_\_\_

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ Oklahoma, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian.

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**MARRIAGE LICENSE**

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, Oklmulgee COUNTY, IN COUNTY COURT.

To Any Person Authorized to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage Mr. J. H. Buckner of Oklmulgee, County of Oklmulgee, State of Oklahoma, aged 28 years, and Miss Cliffie Daniel, of Oklmulgee, County of Oklmulgee, State of Oklahoma, aged 18 years.

And of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days from this date.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Oklmulgee, in said county this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1910.

(Seal) W. M. Fullough County Judge.

Recorded this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 1910.

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**CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE**

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, Oklmulgee County, ss.

I, J. Russell, Justice of the Peace, of Oklmulgee in Oklmulgee County, State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that I joined in marriage the persons named in and authorized by this License to be married, on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1910, at Oklmulgee County, State of Oklahoma, in the presence of Edna M. Risor of Oklmulgee Okla and J. C. Lamer of Oklmulgee Okla.

J. Russell Justice of the Peace

Returned and Recorded this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 1910.

W. M. Fullough

Record of the license application and marriage of James Harrison Buckner and Cliffie Carrie Daniel (obtained from familysearch.org). The Marriage License and Certificate of Marriage can be seen on the next page.



**MARRIAGE LICENSE**

STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
Okmulgee COUNTY

In County Court

TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM AND SOLEMNIZE THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY—GREETING:

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage Mr. J. N. Buckner  
of Okmulgee, County of Okmulgee, State of Oklahoma  
aged 21 years, and Miss Cliffie Daniel, of Okmulgee  
County of Okmulgee, State of Oklahoma, aged 18 years.

And of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty  
days from this date.

Witness my hand and official seal, at Okmulgee in said County,  
this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December A. D. 1910  
County Judge.

Wm. McFattig Clerk County Court.  
Recorded this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1910

**CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE**

State of Oklahoma, Okmulgee County, ss.  
I, A. J. Ruffel NAME  
Justice of the Peace OFFICIAL DESIGNATION,  
of Okmulgee in Okmulgee County, State of Oklahoma, do hereby  
certify that I joined in marriage the persons named in and authorized by this License to be married, on  
the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1910, at Okmulgee  
in Okmulgee County, State of Oklahoma, in the presence of  
Edna M. Risor of Okmulgee, Okla  
and J. C. Lamer of Okmulgee Okla  
A. J. Ruffel  
Justice of the Peace

Returned and recorded this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 1910  
Wm. McFattig

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Marriage license and Certificate of Marriage for James Harrison Buckner and Cliffie Carrie Daniel showing their marriage on December 24, 1910. Cliffie's age is listed as 18 but she actually had just turned 17 on September 26th of 1910.



# Daniels Came In Covered Wagons

Cliffie Buckner who is 88 years of age and still recalls many events that took place in Okmulgee just after the turn of the century, also has a vivid recollection of the trip her family made from Texas.

"I was born in Will's Point, Texas in 1881, the youngest of six children," she said. "Our family consisted of my father, Thomas Walton Daniel, my mother, Martha Elizabeth (Foster) Daniel, my brothers Albert, Dea, Thomas Jr., Ernest, my sister Rose, and myself."

In 1904, the family joined by another family named Daniels (note spelling), collected their belongings into four wagons and began the journey northward into what was called Indian Territory.

Thomas Daniel driving a team in one wagon, his son Albert and Mrs. Daniel trading turns with the other wagon. The other two wagons, belonging to the Daniels' family were driven by Samuel Daniels and his son, Martin. This family was comprised of Samuel and Mrs. Daniels, Martin, Melvin, Charlie and Carrie, three sons and a daughter. Carrie died later in Oklahoma. Melvin and Charlie are now deceased, and Martin married Rose, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Daniel.

Of the Daniel family, the only member that was not present on the journey was Dea who had preceded the family and already had a farm near Morris. Along the way, Thomas Daniel became extremely ill with pneumonia and died near Waco, Texas. "We buried him in Waco, after a little funeral in a Christian Church," she said. "Then continued on our way."

After the families arrived in Indian Territory, the Daniels decided to go along with the Daniel family to Morris, where Dea's farm was located. From here, the two families split up and as the Daniels family bought a farm near Morris, the Daniel family, bought a farm three miles south and one mile west of Okmulgee. Ernest, Tom Jr., and Albert had put their lands together to purchase this property.

Rose, Buckner, eleven years old when the family arrived at Morris and attended school in a single story one roomer called Pringle, Bell School. "It was a frame building in which my brother Ernest attended with me," she recalls. "My teacher



Mr. Thomas Walton Daniel and his wife, Martha Elizabeth (Foster) Daniel. Mr. Daniel died on the way to

was Professor Jackson." She and her brother rode horseback to school. "One winter was so bad that we missed school because of the snow being so deep a horse couldn't travel through it."

She remembers some of the early day prairie fires in which thousands of acres were consumed and the sky was blackened by smoke during the day and painted red by night. She remembers deer as being a common sight and often they would graze in the garden. Coyotes would often venture into the yard and would keep families awake at night with their howling at the moon.

These things were typical of life in the country, in the early 1880s. "We would go into Okmulgee about once a week," she remembers. "I don't think there was a brick or stone sidewalk anywhere in town at that time."

"There were," she said. "A few brick and stone buildings in Okmulgee at that time though. Most of the buildings were frame with false fronts." "I remember the old Council House, Parkinson Hotel and Trem's Dry Good Store."

Cliffie said that the family often did business at Trem's. She remembers the Hippodrome Opera House, the old Yale Theater, and other buildings long since disappeared.

"I remember Statehood Day in 1907, my brother Ernest and I climbed on top of the house to watch the beautiful fireworks display in Okmulgee," she said.

In 1900, Cliffie's mother became ill and a doctor was summoned to the home. "At that time," she recalls, "Our family doctor was Dr. Lynn Alexander." Dr. Alexander had offices at 1209 East Sixth in Okmulgee. Later, the family doctor was Dr. John E. Bercaw with offices at Rooms 401 and 404 in the Okmulgee Bldg. Dr. Alexander could not diagnose the sickness, so he advised her to be sent to a specialist in Fort Worth, Texas. The family boarded her on the Frisco and she was admitted in a hospital in Fort Worth where she died that year.

It was the wish of her mother that Cliffie would "Keep the house clean and keep the boys in clean clothes" and let as long as she could, Cliffie kept her word to her mother and changed house, cooked and washed clothes for several years. "But," she states, "that in the process, she was going to marry the first handsome man that came along."

That handsome man came along about 1910. His name was James H. Buckner, a young Kentuckian who had come to the area a few years earlier with his family. He was born in 1882, and had farmed most of his life. At the time he met Cliffie, he was living on his family's farm near Morris.

James and Cliffie were married in 1910, but she continued for a while at the home and later took a home in Morris. The first of seven children was James Elbert, who was born in 1911, then Ralph, in 1913, Carl, in 1915, Virginia in 1916, but died two

years later during the flu epidemic of 1918. June was born in 1919, Don in 1924, and Ruth in 1925.

The eldest of these children, James Elbert, Carl, and June, attended elementary school at Morris first, then at Wilson Elementary in Okmulgee. Sometime during the 1920s, the family moved to Chandler, where Cliffie's husband, James had been transferred as an employee of Magnolia Oil Company. Carl graduated at Chandler High School and June, Don, and Ruth finished their education at Chandler as well.

For a period of time, James H. Buckner served as a construction manager for Magnolia in the country of Saudi Arabia. He died in 1964.

Before World War II, Ralph was a flying instructor for a Flying School in Yukon, Oklahoma. He later joined the Army Air Corps where he was wounded during the war. Carl, a graduate of Chandler, raised cattle on his ranch near Henry, until his death. June, married Max Knotts, of Stillwater. He is senior vice president of Oklahoma Natural Gas. June is an instructor of drama and travels all over the country. The family lives in Oklahoma City. Ruth attended Oklahoma A & M College at Stillwater. Her husband is a retired Lt. Col. of the Air Force. Cliffie has only one son living today, Don, lives in Bartlesville and works as an Electrical Engineer for Phillips Petroleum Company. He is often sent to all parts of the world.

Of Cliffie's brothers, she is the last survivor, however, her brother Dea Daniel has two daughters living in Okmulgee. They are Marie Willie and Donna Gassaway.

Okmulgee, (Okla.), Daily Times, Wednesday, June 2, 1982, Page 9, (Sec. B)

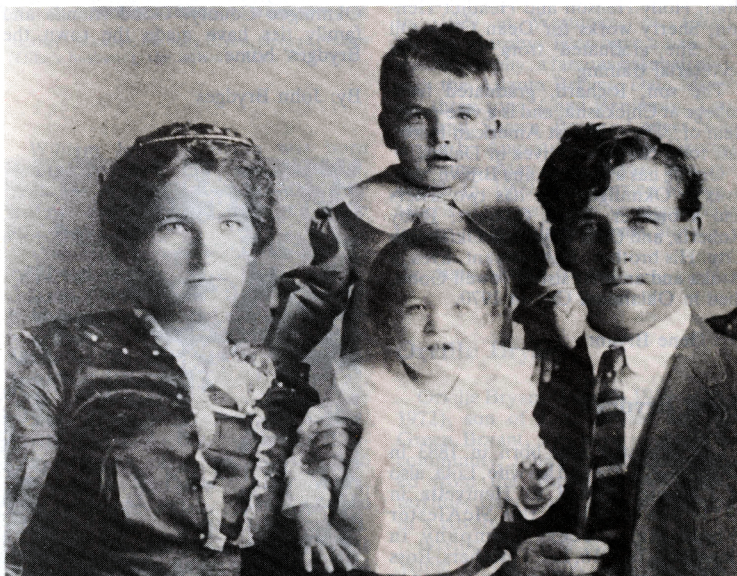


Left to right: 11 yrs. old Cliffie (Daniel) Buckner; Ernest Daniel, 17 yrs. old; and Mary "Boss" Daniel, 21 yrs. old.



The Buckner Family, left to right: Cliffie (Daniel) Buckner; James Elbert, on shoulder; Ralph, (standing in lap); Mr. James H. Buckner.

Article from the Okmulgee Daily Times, June 2, 1982, about Cliffie's family. She was 88 years old at the time. She was actually the youngest of ten children of Thomas Wallace and Martha Jane Foster Daniel.



Cliffie and James H. Buckner with two oldest children, Elbert and Ralph, 1915.

### Cliffie Buckner

The Thomas Wallace Daniel family came to Okmulgee County in 1904 in covered wagons and settled in the Prairie Bell Community. They moved from El Campo, TX in a wagon train with all their equipment and the children who were still at home. Thomas W. Daniel became ill with pneumonia on the trip and was buried in Waco, TX. The older sons, who were helping move, engaged

some box cars for the animals and equipment and rode with them to care for the animals. The women rode the passenger train with the oldest son, Dea Daniel.

The Daniel family consisted of Andrew Alford, Martha Elizabeth, Comodore Decator "Dea", William Albert, Sarah Jane, Mary Ann, Rosa Lee, Thomas Napoleon, James Earnest and Cliffie Carrie Daniel (her unusual name was given to her by her mother after her best friend in North Carolina).

*This and the next page show a biographical sketch of Cliffie Carrie Daniel Buckner published in "History of Okmulgee County, Oklahoma," compiled and edited by the Okmulgee Historical Society and the Heritage Society of America, and published by Historical Enterprises, Inc., Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1985. The biographies are published in alphabetical order by surname and Cliffie's appeared on pages 598 and 599. Much of it is repeated from the 1982 article shown on the previous page of this document but there are a few different informational items. All ten children of her parents are listed by name here and it tells a bit of her first date with Jim in 1908 when Cliffie was 14 years old. Jim was 26 at the time. The article here also lists more of the oil communities in which the family lived before Jim retired in 1948 as well as the names of their grandchildren.*



The mother, Martha Jane Foster, was born in North Carolina. Her grandfather was a Confederate soldier whose life was saved upon his capture by Union forces because he was a Mason and gave the Mason sign.

Cliffie was 11 years old when the family arrived at Morris. She and her brother, Earnest Daniel rode horseback to school and she can remember one winter that was so bad that they missed school because the snow was so deep the horses could not travel through it. She also remembers the prairie fires which consumed thousands of acres and blackened the skies during the day. When they first arrived in Oklahoma, they would go to Okmulgee about once a week for groceries. At that time there was not a brick or stone sidewalk anywhere in town. A few brick and stone buildings were there, but most of the buildings were frame with false fronts. She recalls the early buildings were the Council House, Parkinson Hotel, Trents Dry Goods Store, the Hippodrome Opera House, the old Yale Theater and Kiels Dry Goods Store and others long since gone.

At statehood in 1907, Cliffie and Earnest climbed on top of the house to watch the beautiful fireworks display in Okmulgee.

The family home in Okmulgee County was 1 mile south, 1 1/2 miles east of Prairie Bell School-Church. The day the school moved to the new location, all the children with the teacher, Professor Jackson, walked from Narcissus to the new location two miles away. Cliffie completed the 8th Reader there.

Families in the community had parties at their homes. All transportation was by horse. Celebrations on special days were held at the school. Some of the games played by the young people were; skip-to-my-loo which was played in a circle with a skipping person trying to steal someone's partner; spin-the-bottle and square dances. There were no touching games.

When Cliffie was 15 her mother died and it was her mother's wish that Cliffie keep house and cook for her three brothers, Earnest, Tom and Albert Daniel while they were farming. It was quite a chore for a young girl and she said that she was going to marry the first handsome man that came along. She met a handsome, young man from Kentucky who had come to the area a few years earlier with his family at a church function - James Harrison Buckner. At that time, girls sat on one side of the church, boys on the other. Cliffie bragged to her friends that she was going to get him, which she did December 24, 1910.

Their first date was the fourth of July,

1908. The families had attended the celebration at Sharp Community in wagons, then James brought a horse with him so Cliffie could ride to a party at Morris. Girls generally rode sidesaddle, but Jim insisted that was not safe, so she rode astride. Of course, all women wore voluminous skirts.

Cliffie was living with her sister when she and Jim slipped to Okmulgee on Christmas Eve, got a license and were married before returning to a party at Prairie Bell that night. It was the custom to have a Christmas Tree and gift exchange on Christmas Eve. Some way the word got out about their marriage, so they quickly got in their buggy and drove rapidly away to Okmulgee. There were no wedding showers in those days, but young people in the area would Chivarie the newlyweds. These were pretty rough at times and the game was to elude the party.

They lived with his parents for awhile and then moved to a house in Morris. She brought her mother's dishes and her own bedroom furniture. Jim had a job with an oil company and they were able to buy what furnishings they needed. They lived in several oil communities; Morris, Bald Hill, Okmulgee, Chandler and Drumright. Jim worked for the Magnolia Oil Company for 31 years at all these places and retired in 1948. They returned to the Okmulgee community at this time. After retirement, Mr. Buckner died in 1954.

Cliffie Buckner and Jim Buckner were the parents of seven children: James Elbert Buckner; Ralph Glenn Buckner; Carl Kenneth Buckner; Virginia Elaine Buckner, died during the flu epidemic of World War I; Helen June Buckner; William Don Buckner; and Ruth Ellen Buckner.

James Elbert, who worked in pipeline and oil related fields world-wide, had five children: Jim Buckner, Joan Buckner, Jack Buckner, Jan Buckner, and Jean Buckner. Ralph Glenn was a pilot for the Royal Canadian Air Force before World War II and then returned to the United States to join the U.S. Army Air Corps; had one daughter, Jerral Ann Buckner. Carl Kenneth raised cattle on his ranch in Hominy and had four children, Kenneth Buckner, Brenda Buckner, Phil Buckner and Bob Buckner. Helen June is married to Max Knotts who is with Oklahoma Natural Gas Company and lives in Oklahoma City. They have two children, Tom Knotts and Susie Knotts. Don lives in Bartlesville where he is an electrical engineer with Phillips Petroleum Company. Ruth is married to Dan Moss who is retired from the U.S. Air Force and lives in Tulsa. They have two children, Steve Moss and Kathy Moss.

Mrs. Buckner has had happy times and sad times. One of her happiest was the surprise 80th birthday party at the Okmulgee Country Club when 125 friends and relatives surprised her. Another happy time was the 88th birthday party at Western Hills Lodge near Tahlequah where many relatives came to help her celebrate. Her 90th birthday was celebrated at her home with her family and she is looking forward to many more happy times.

By: Cliffie Daniel Buckner

## David Burcham

David Burcham, born in Kansas, moved with his family to Sharp in the Creek Nation, Indian Territory, in 1900. Two of his sisters taught school in Tulsa, one brother worked for the government in Washington, D.C., and one brother moved to Oregon to work in the lumber mills.

Ida May Arthurs was born in Thorsberry, AR. Her father, John Arthurs, was a businessman and school teacher from England. In 1903, her three brothers, Alf Arthurs, Floyd Arthurs, and Ket Arthurs moved to the state of Washington, and Ida May moved to the Creek Nation, I.T., where her cousins, John Palmer, Dan Palmer, Sam Palmer, Molley Palmer Farr, Dick Farr's wife; Rena Palmer Bailey, and Nicie Bell Palmer Warren lived.

In 1904, David Burcham and Ida May Arthurs were married in Sharp, on top of the hill which is now in the northwest edge of Henryetta. David gave Ida a book, *The Perfect Woman*, December 15, 1904, which she used to raise her family by.

David and Ida had seven children, all born in I.T. and the new state of Oklahoma. They were Verona, Gladys, Glen, Floyd, John Henry, Ella May, and Eldon David. Eldon and Ella, b. 2 July 1917, the last of David and Ida's children, were twins, and were born in Gas City, south and east of Morris, OK.

David Burcham worked on the Todd Ranch, where he was foreman. Here he taught John Russell to ride and rope. John Russell was later sheriff, warden, and member of the Pardon and Parole Board.

In 1919, David and Ida moved their family to Beggs, which had board sidewalks and dirt streets. David worked in the oil field with Bert Martin, Jocky Snyder, Mr. Rochwood, Mr. Newton, and others with their teams and wagons. David was one of the first in Beggs to drive a school bus, team and wagon. In





*Two picture postcards showing places familiar to Jim Buckner and his family in the early 1900s. Above is looking east on Sixth Street in Okmulgee, 1902, and below is Main Street in Morris, 1916.*



*The home of Jim and Cliffie Buckner, Morris, Oklahoma, ca. 1921. Below is a closeup of those sitting on the porch. From left are Cliffie, Eb, Ralph, Carl, and June. The others are unknown to me.*





*The Morris Road house, Okmulgee, in which Jim and Cliffie lived after Jim's retirement in 1948.*



This is the earliest picture I have of James Harrison Buckner. It is dated 1911 and was probably taken near Morris, Oklahoma. Jim is sitting in the carriage on the left and his brother Philip Washington Buckner is sitting on the right. Others in the picture are unknown to me.





*This is perhaps the earliest picture I have of Cliffie Carrie Daniel Buckner. It is of her with others attending what is probably the Prairie Bell School near Morris, Oklahoma. Even though the picture is not labeled with names, I believe that Cliffie is in the second row, fourth from the left.*



*Another early picture of Cliffie sitting in the center between her sister Rosa Lee "Rose" Daniel on the left and another of her sisters who I can't identify. It may have been Martha Elizabeth "Betty." Daniel*



*This picture of Cliffie, sitting on the left, was taken with her brother James Ernest and sister Mary Ann Daniel when Cliffie was 14 years old. This was taken about the time that she went on her first date with Jim Buckner.*





*Picture of the five daughters of Thomas Wallace and Martha Jane Foster Daniel. Standing in the back from left are Rosa Lee "Rose" and Martha Elizabeth "Betty." In front from left are Mary Ann, Cliffie Carrie, and Sarah Elizabeth "Jane."*



*Cliffie on the left with two unknown friends, unknown location and year.*





*Cliffie, second from left, with friends in Morris, Oklahoma, 1924. A Mrs. Jackson is on the left and a Mrs. Cross second from right..*



*Picture taken at the Buckner home in Morris, Oklahoma, 1924. Cliffie is sitting on left of the picture next to a Mrs. Jackson with Mrs. Cross on the far right. June Buckner is sitting on the bottom step with her hand over her eyes and newly born Don Buckner is being held by Ruth Jackson.*



*James Harrison Buckner on left wearing hunting gear and below sitting in the second row (face circled) with members of the Magnolia Producing Department in the Oklahoma-Kansas division. They were meeting in Oklahoma City on February 25, 1921, in the office of the Division Superintendent.*





REGISTRATION CARD				
SERIAL NUMBER	97		OR NUMBER	67-7862
1 <i>James Harrison Buckner</i> (First name) (Middle name) (Last name)				
2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: <i>Wesley Chandler, Okla.</i> (No.) (Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)				
Age in Years	Date of Birth			
3 <i>36</i>	4 <i>Feb</i> (Month)	<i>7</i> (Day)	<i>1887</i> (Year)	
RACE				
White	Negro	Oriental	Indian	
			Citizen	Non-citizen
5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6	7	8	9
U. S. CITIZEN			ALIEN	
Native Born	Naturalized	Citizen by Father's Naturalization Before Registrant's Majority	Declarant	Non-declarant
10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11	12	13	14
15 If not a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?				
PRESENT OCCUPATION		EMPLOYER'S NAME		
16 <i>Subcontractor</i>		17 <i>Mapolia Petro. Co</i>		
18 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: <i>Wesley Chandler, Okla.</i> (No.) (Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)				
NEAREST RELATIVE	Name	19 <i>Mr. Cliffie Buckner</i>		
	Address	20 <i>Wesley Chandler, Okla.</i> (No.) (Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE				
P. M. G. O. <i>James Harrison Buckner</i> Form No. 1 (Red) (Registrant's signature or mark) (OVER)				

The image above is part one of the World War I Registration Card for James Harrison Buckner. Part two, shown on the next page, is dated September 12, 1918. Jim was 36 years old and had black hair at the time. In later years his hair became white. These images were obtained from family-search.org.



35-2-16-6

# REGISTRAR'S REPORT

## DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

HEIGHT			BUILD			COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR
Tall	Medium	Short	Slender	Medium	Stout		
21	22 ✓	23	24	25 ✓	26	27 Blue	28 Black

29 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? (Specify.)

No

30 I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Date of Registration

C. E. Wails  
 (Signature of Registrar)  
 Sept. 12, 1918

LOCAL BOARD FOR THE  
 COUNTY OF OKMULGEE  
 STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
 OKMULGEE, OKLA.  
 (STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)

62-6171

(OVER)

**REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)**

<b>SERIAL NUMBER</b> 379	<b>1. NAME (Print)</b> James Harrison Buckner (First) (Middle) (Last)		<b>ORDER NUMBER</b>
<b>2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)</b> 7M1 W-1S Coyle Payne Okla. (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State) [THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]			
<b>3. MAILING ADDRESS</b> (Same) (Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)			
<b>4. TELEPHONE</b> Coyle 905-F14 (Exchange) (Number)	<b>5. AGE IN YEARS</b> 60 <b>DATE OF BIRTH</b> Feb 2 1882 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	<b>6. PLACE OF BIRTH</b> Madison County (Town or county) North Carolina (State or country)	
<b>7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS</b> Roy Wilson Drumright Okla.			
<b>8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS</b> Roy Wilson Drumright Okla.			
<b>9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS</b> 7W-1S Coyle Payne Okla. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
<b>D. S. S. Form 1</b> (Revised 4-1-42)	(over)	16-21630-2	<i>J. H. Buckner</i> (Registrant's signature)

The image above shows the World War II Registration Card for James Harrison Buckner. At the time it was filled out the family was living on an oil lease near Coyle, Payne County, Oklahoma. This image was obtained from familysearch.org.





*Jim and Cliffie Buckner at a banquet during the eighth annual meeting of the Superintendents and Leasers of the Producing Department of Magnolia Petroleum. The meeting was in Dallas, Texas, March 29-31, 1923.*



*Cliffie, on the far right of the third row, First Baptist Church, Okmulgee.*

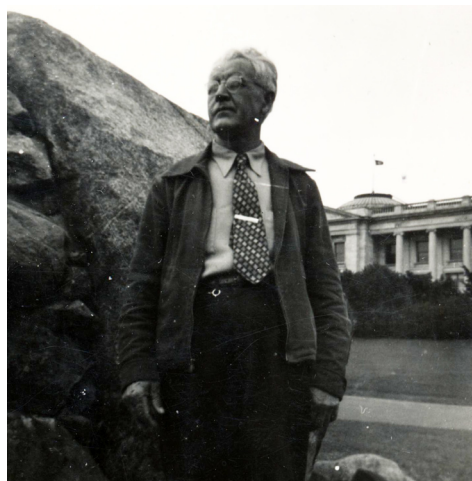
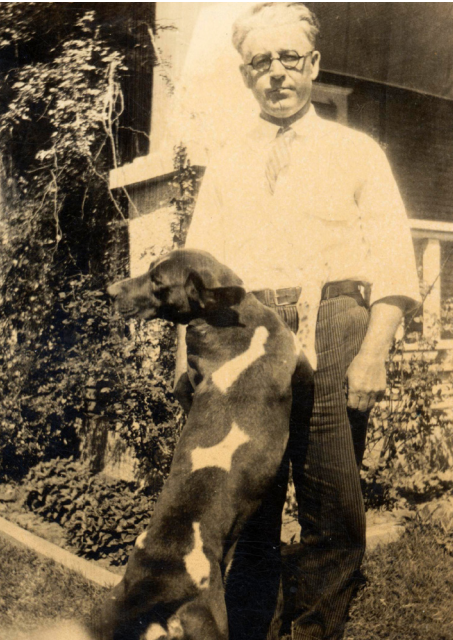


*As I mentioned in a profile of Ralph Buckner, this is probably the earliest picture (ca. 1928) showing all children of Jim and Cliffie Buckner who survived to adulthood. Those in the back row (left to right) are Eb, Ruth, Jim, Cliffie, and Ralph. In front are Carl, Don, and Helen June.*



*Picture from the early 1930s of a Buckner-Daniel reunion. Jim is standing on far left and Eb standing on far right. Cliffie's brother Ab Daniel is next to Eb. Carl is kneeling second from the right. (Courtesy of June Laswell)*





*Photos of Jim Buckner - clockwise from immediately above: Jim at home in Morris, during a late 1940s or early 1950s trip to Colorado, near Colorado Falls, on the Continental Divide in Colorado, and at home on Morris Road in Okmulgee.*





*Photos of Jim and Cliffie Buckner - clockwise from top left: Cliffie at Helen Hunt Falls during their trip to Colorado, Jim at the Berthoud Pass in Colorado, Jim on a fishing trip in 1947 to Lake Charles, Louisiana, to visit Eb and his family, Jim with Jack, second born child of Eb and Elsie Buckner holding fish they caught at Lake Charles.*



# Application for Marriage License

State of Oklahoma, Tulsa County, ss.

I, Shepard D. Shelton, the undersigned, hereby apply for Marriage License, to be issued to  
 Mr. Cliffie Buckner, age 24  
 race W, residence Tulsa County of Tulsa, State of Oklahoma  
 and M. Cliffie Buckner, age 24  
 race W, residence Tulsa County of Tulsa, State of Oklahoma  
 and for the purpose of procuring the same, do solemnly swear that I have personal knowledge of the facts herein stated; that the names, ages and places of residence of said parties are truly and correctly set out above; that neither of said parties is disqualified or incapable under the law of entering into the marriage relation, nor are they related to each other within the degree prohibited by law; that I am 24 years of age, and reside at Tulsa County of Tulsa State of Oklahoma

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 14 day of November, 1957 A. D., 1957

SAMUEL W. FRY, Court Clerk

By Shepard D. Shelton Deputy Court Clerk

State of Oklahoma, County of Tulsa, ss.

I, the undersigned, being first duly sworn, depose and say: that I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (father, mother, or guardian) of \_\_\_\_\_ named in the above application as being of the age of \_\_\_\_\_ years, and that I do hereby consent to \_\_\_\_\_ marriage to \_\_\_\_\_ (his or her)

Signed and sworn to before me, an officer empowered by law to take acknowledgments to deeds, knowing him (or her) to be the identical person who executed the same, after acknowledging to me that such consent was given as his (or her) own free will, act, and deed.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (Sig.)  
 Or, such consent freely given in person in my presence. SAMUEL W. FRY, Court Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy

State of Oklahoma, County of Tulsa, ss.

I, the undersigned, being first duly sworn, depose and say: that I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (father, mother, or guardian) of \_\_\_\_\_ named in the above application as being of the age of \_\_\_\_\_ years, and that I do hereby consent to \_\_\_\_\_ marriage to \_\_\_\_\_ (his or her)

Signed and sworn to before me, an officer empowered by law to take acknowledgments to deeds, knowing him (or her) to be the identical person who executed the same, after acknowledging to me that such consent was given as his (or her) own free will, act, and deed.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (Sig.)  
 Or, such consent freely given in person in my presence. SAMUEL W. FRY, Court Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy

## MARRIAGE LICENSE

State of Oklahoma, Tulsa County, ss.

To any person authorized to perform or solemnize the Marriage Ceremony.—GREETING:

You are hereby authorized, upon delivery of this marriage license within ten days from the date of its issue to you, to join in marriage  
 Mr. Shepard D. Shelton, of Tulsa  
 County of Tulsa, State of Oklahoma, age 24 years, and  
 M. Cliffie Buckner, of Tulsa  
 County of Tulsa, State of Oklahoma, age 24 years, and  
 by the command of the statute you shall make due return of this license to my office within five days succeeding the performance of the marriage herein authorized.

Issued under my hand and official seal, and recorded in my Marriage Record before delivery at Tulsa, Oklahoma, this 14 day of November, 1957.  
 (SEAL) SAMUEL W. FRY, Court Clerk

By Shepard D. Shelton Deputy

ENDORSEMENT: By this endorsement to the within and foregoing Marriage License, I hereby verify, and truly certify, that the Application for said License was accompanied by proper credentials under the circumstances indicated by the word "I" opposite one of the three permissible alternates indicated below; (or two if it be so)

(1) Papers complying with Sections E and 3 of House Bill No. 7, of the twentieth Oklahoma Legislature relative to the health of the parties; or  
 (2) An Order of the County Judge, with accompanying memoranda of the reasons for the order, dispensing with those requirements of Sections 1 and 3 of said House Bill No. 7, relative to the examination and health of either or both of the parties; or  
 (3) An Order of the County Judge, with accompanying memoranda of reasons for the order, extending the 30-day period following the examinations to 90 days or less, together with papers complying with Sections 1 and 3 of House Bill No. 7 in all other respects.

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

State of Oklahoma, Tulsa County, ss.

I, Shepard D. Shelton, Pastor Regular Ave. Baptist Church  
 of Tulsa (Name) Tulsa (Official Designation) Tulsa (Court or Congregation)  
 in \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that I joined in marriage the persons named in and authorized by this license to be married on the 14 day of November, A. D. 1957, at Tulsa  
Cliffie Buckner of Tulsa  
Shepard D. Shelton of Tulsa  
Shepard D. Shelton (Person Performing Ceremony) Pastor (Official Designation)

Returned and recorded this 18 day of November, 1957

SAMUEL W. FRY, Court Clerk

By Shepard D. Shelton Deputy

Record of the license application and marriage of Cliffie Buckner and Shepard Dwight Shelton (obtained from familysearch.org). The circumstances and duration of this 1957 marriage are not known to me.

James Harrison Buckner  
b. 2 Feb 1882, Marshall, Madison County, North Carolina  
d. 9 Mar 1954, Okmulgee, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma  
& Cliffie Carrie Daniel  
b. 26 Sep 1893, Wills Point, Van Zandt County, Texas  
d. 10 Jun 1993, Okmulgee, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma  
m. 24 Dec 1910, Okmulgee, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma

James Elbert Buckner  
b. 11 Nov 1911, Oklahoma  
d. 11 Mar 1972, California  
& Elsie Vernon Singleton  
b. 20 Apr 1915, Louisiana  
d. 31 Oct 2005, Louisiana

Ralph Glenn Buckner  
b. 23 Apr 1913, Okmulgee, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma  
d. 24 Jan 1965, St. Luke Hospital, Houston, Harris County, Texas  
& Geraldine "Jerry" Fruin  
b. 1 Dec 1911, Logan County, Oklahoma  
d. 12 Oct 1985, Stillwater, Payne County, Oklahoma  
m. 27 Apr 1935, Seminole, Seminole County, Oklahoma

Carl Kenneth Buckner  
b. 2 Jan 1915, Morris, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma  
d. 16 May 1972, Okmulgee, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma  
& Katherine Yvonne Drummond  
b. 5 Jan 1916, Hominy, Osage County, Oklahoma  
d. 26 Mar 1996, Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas  
m. 24 Jan 1941, Chandler, Lincoln County, Oklahoma

Virginia Elaine Buckner  
b. 18 Sep 1916, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma  
d. 27 Oct 1918, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma

Helen June Buckner  
b. 26 Jun 1919, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma  
d. 29 Jan 1997, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma  
& Charles Claude Belt  
b. 28 Jan 1919, Kirkland, Childress County, Texas  
d. 27 Aug 1950, South Korea  
m. 18 Jul 1940, Hollis, Harmon County, Oklahoma

Helen June Buckner  
b. 26 Jun 1919, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma  
d. 29 Jan 1997, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma  
& Max Leon Knotts  
b. 2 Oct 1922, Stillwater, Payne County, Oklahoma  
d. 25 Sep 2011, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma  
m. 3 Apr 1948

William Don Buckner  
b. 26 Mar 1924, Drumright, Oklahoma  
d. 10 Feb 2009, Bartlesville, Oklahoma  
& Rita Mae Harral  
b. 25 Oct 1924, Perkins, Payne County, Oklahoma  
d. 14 Feb 2010, Cushing, Payne County, Oklahoma  
m. 13 Jul 1942, Perry, Noble County, Oklahoma

William Don Buckner  
b. 26 Mar 1924, Drumright, Oklahoma  
d. 10 Feb 2009, Bartlesville, Oklahoma  
& Wilma Jean Schulze  
b. 6 Nov 1934  
m. 14 Feb 1985

Ruth Ellen Buckner  
b. 10 Feb 1926, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma  
d. 7 Jun 2005, Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma  
& Walter Daniel Moss  
b. 6 Mar 1928, Alabama  
d. 7 Jun 1991, Broken Arrow, Tulsa County, Oklahoma

*James Harrison and Cliffie Carrie Daniel Buckner Family.*





*Jim and Cliffie's oldest child, James Elbert Buckner (Eb, November 11, 1911 - March 11, 1972), ca. 1921.*

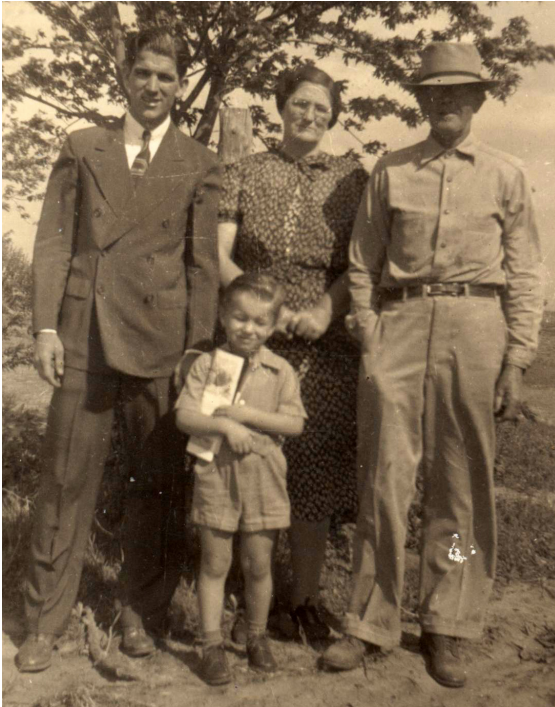


*Jim and Cliffie made a trip to Lake Charles, Louisiana, to visit Eb and his family in summer of 1947. The picture at the left is of Cliffie walking along a street in Lake Charles on a day when the temperature and humidity were said to have been oppressive. She was unaware that she was being photographed but the unidentified person walking behind her must have seen the camera as he is shielding his face from view.*

*Below is a picture of Jim and Cliffie with Elsie's mother, Emma Duett Singleton Gunn.*

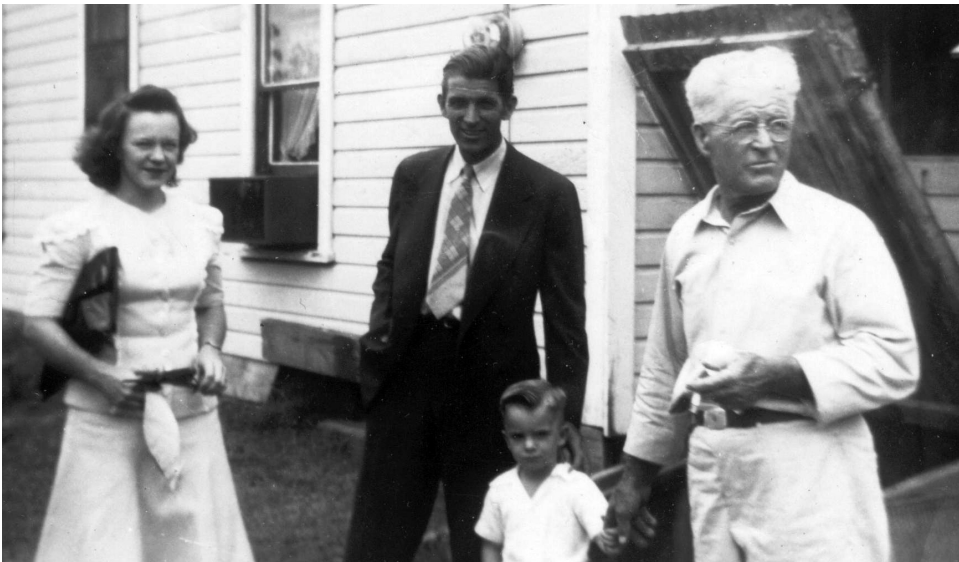






*Two pictures showing Jim and Cliffie with Eb. Left shows Eb with his oldest child Jimmy, Cliffie, and Jim's brother Philip Washington Buckner. Below is a picture of Eb with his wife Elsie Vernon Singleton Buckner, their son Jack, and Jim. Both photos were taken at an unknown location.*

*The children of Eb and Elsie Buckner were Jimmy, Jack, Joan, Jan, and Jean.*





*Eb holding his brother William Don Buckner at their home in Morris, Oklahoma, ca. 1925.*



*Eb with Don's wife Rita Mae probably in the mid 1940s at an unknown location.*





*The photo on the left shows Eb at an unknown location and time. It is possible that it was taken at the time of his father's death in 1954.*



*This photo shows Elsie with Jimmy (on right) and Jack in front of the Morris Road, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, home of Jim and Cliffie. This picture may have been taken at the time of Jim Buckner's funeral in March, 1954.*

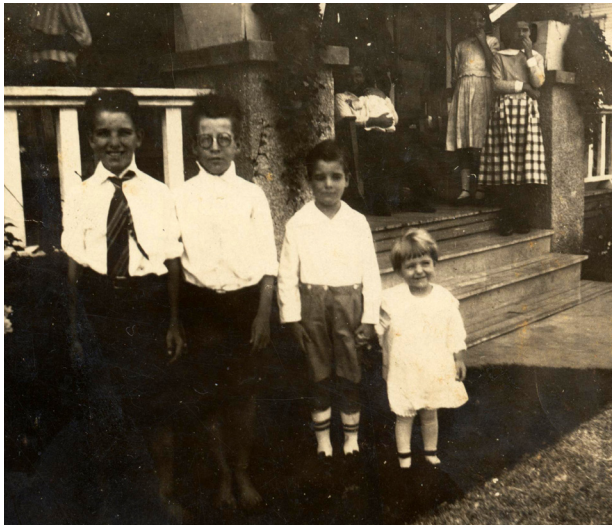


*Jim and Cliffie's second child, Ralph Glenn Buckner (April 23, 1913 - January 24, 1965), ca. 1921. He was married to Geraldine Fruin and they had one child, Jarol Ann Buckner.*





*From left, Eb, Ralph, and Carl Buckner probably taken somewhere in Morris, Oklahoma, ca. 1919.*



*From left, Eb, Ralph, Carl, and June Buckner in front of their home in Morris, Oklahoma, ca. 1920.*



*Jim and Cliffie's third child, Carl Kenneth Buckner  
(January 2, 1915 - May 16, 1972), ca. 1921.*





*Carl on the right holding a recently caught fish with Don in the middle and an unknown person on the left at a location probably near Morris, Oklahoma, ca. 1929*



*This picture, ca. 1927, shows, from left, Ralph, Carl, Eb with Jim Buckner on the far right. The girl between Eb and Jim is labeled as Olive with no surname attached. Unknown location.*

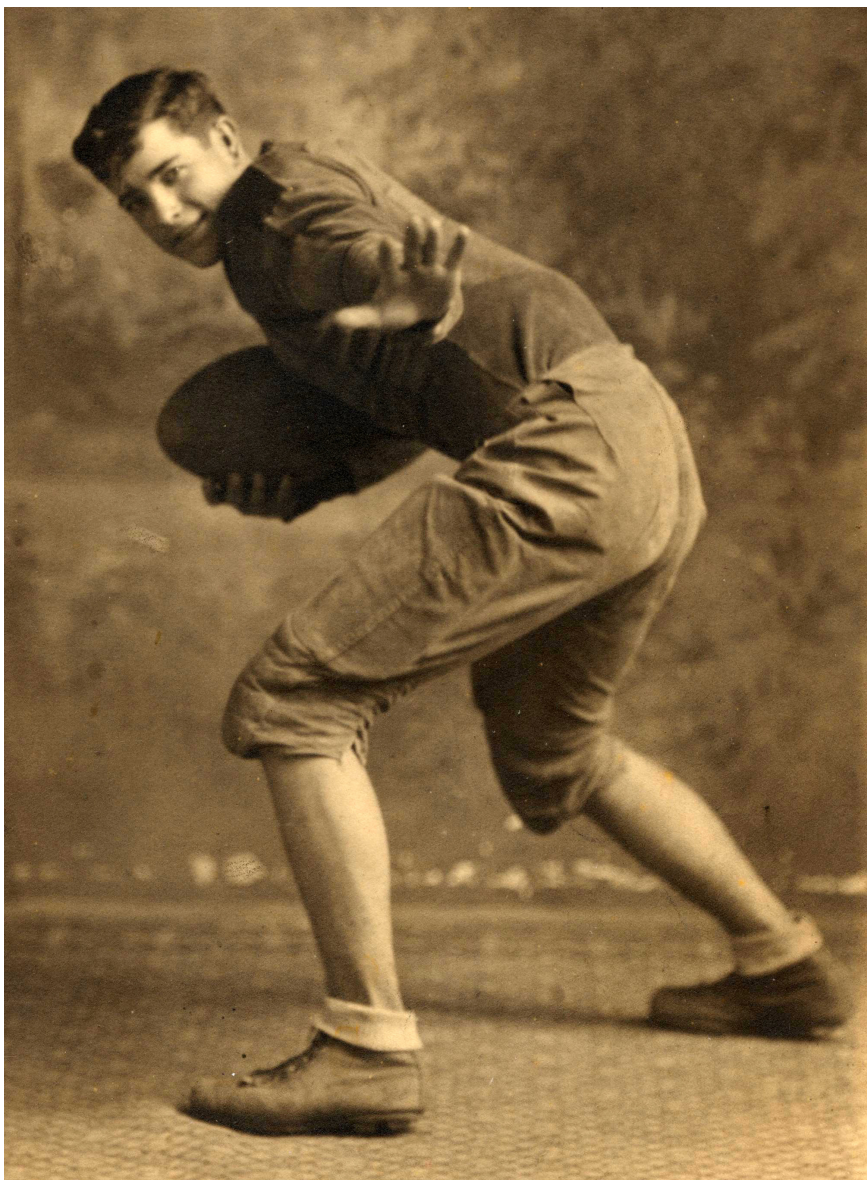


*Carl Buckner, standing center holding a basketball, with his Chandler High School basketball team, Chandler, Lincoln County, Oklahoma, early 1930s.*



*Carl Buckner and Katherine Yvonne Drummond met and married in Chandler, Oklahoma. Her first job after graduation from Oklahoma A&M was as a teacher in Chandler. Carl had moved there with his family ca. 1930.*



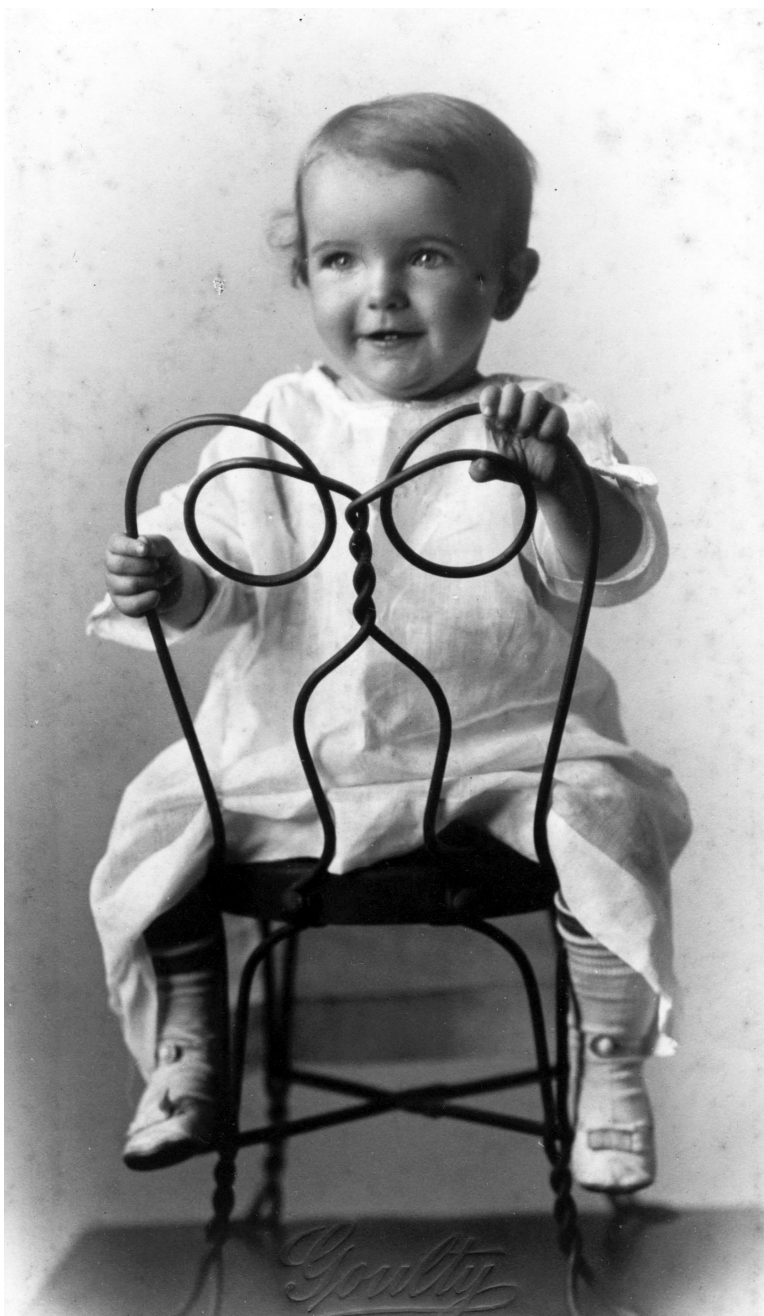


*Carl Buckner in his football uniform at Chandler High School, Chandler, Lincoln County, Oklahoma, early 1930s.*



*Carl Kenneth Buckner and Katherine Yvonne Drummond at an unknown location possibly taken on or near their wedding day, January 24, 1941. Their children were Carl Kenneth II, Brenda Louise, Philip Harrison, and Robert Neil Buckner. One child, Timothy Wayne Buckner, was stillborn.*

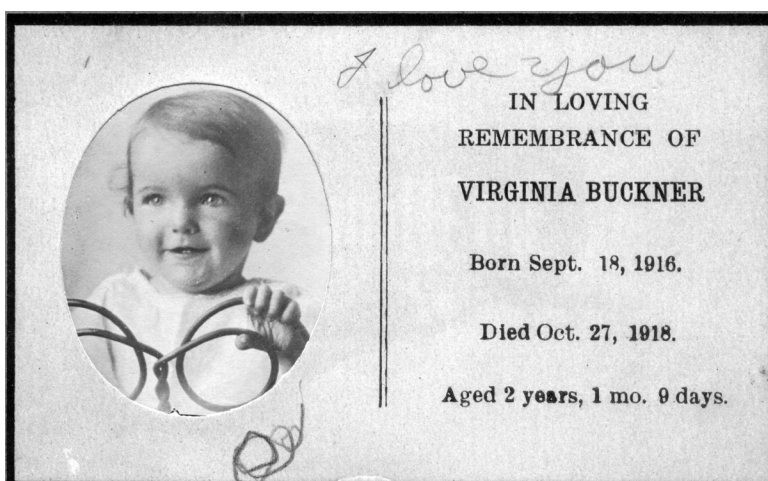




*Jim and Cliffie's fourth child, Virginia Elaine Buckner (September 18, 1916 - October 27, 1918).*



*Jim and Cliffie with their daughter Virginia, ca. 1917.*

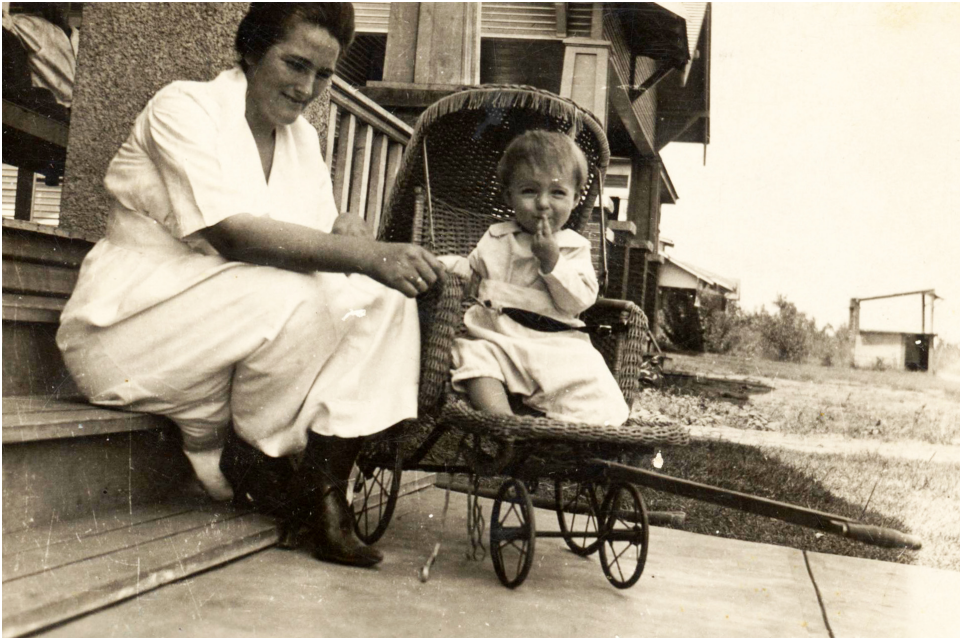


*Memorial Card for Virginia Elaine Buckner, who died at the age of 2 during the influenza epidemic. It is possible that Cliffie wrote the words "I love you" on the card.*





*Jim and Cliffie's fifth child, Helen June Buckner (June 26, 1919 - January 29, 1997), ca. 1921.*



*Cliffie with June at the Buckner home in Morris, Oklahoma, ca. 1920.*



*Left: Cliffie with Don, Ruth, and June, ca. 1927. Right: Cliffie standing on the left beside with an unknown person and June peaking around from behind on the right.*



**APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE**

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, HARMON COUNTY, ss. IN COUNTY COURT

I, Claude Belt, the undersigned, hereby apply for a Marriage License to be issued to

Mr. Claude Belt

aged 21 years, whose residence is Crowell, State of Texas

and Miss Helen June Buckner aged 21 years, whose residence is Crowell

State of Texas and for the purpose of procuring the same do solemnly swear that I have personal knowledge of the facts herein stated; that the names, ages, and places of residence of said parties are truly and correctly set out above, that neither of said parties is disqualified or incapable under the law of entering into the marriage relation, nor are they related to each other within the degrees prohibited by law. That I am 21 years of age and reside at Crowell, County of Ford, State of Texas

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of July, 19 40

Seal \_\_\_\_\_ County Judge.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy. J. G. White Court Clerk.

I, the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

named in the above application as being of the age of \_\_\_\_\_ years, do hereby consent to \_\_\_\_\_ marriage to \_\_\_\_\_

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, Oklahoma, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent or Guardian.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, HARMON COUNTY, ss.

Before me, \_\_\_\_\_ ss. \_\_\_\_\_ in and for said County and State,

on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_

to me known to be the identical person \_\_\_\_\_ who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that \_\_\_\_\_ executed the same as \_\_\_\_\_ free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above written.

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

**MARRIAGE LICENSE**

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, HARMON COUNTY, ss. IN COUNTY COURT

To Any Person Authorized to Perform and Solemnize the Marriage Ceremony—GREETING:

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage Mr. Claud Belt

of Crowell, County of Ford, State of Texas

aged 21 years, and Miss Helen June Buckner

of Crowell, County of Ford, State of Texas

aged 21 years. And of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days from this date.

Witness my hand and official seal at Hollis, in said County, this 18th day of July, A. D. 19 40

Seal \_\_\_\_\_ County Judge.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy. J. G. White Court Clerk.

**CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE**

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, HARMON COUNTY, ss.

I, Paul B. Cullen Minister Baptist

NAME OFFICIAL DESIGNATION

of Hollis in Harmon County, State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that I joined in marriage the persons named

in and authorized by this License to be married, on the 18th day of July, A. D. 19 40, at Hollis

in Harmon County, State of Oklahoma, in the presence of Evelyn Wilson

of Hollis, Oklahoma, and Travis W. Fox

of Crowell, Texas

Paul B. Cullen

Baptist Minister

Returned and recorded 30th day of July, 19 40

J. G. White Court Clerk.

By Opal Adey Deputy.

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*Record of the license application and marriage of Helen June Buckner and Claude Charles Belt in Hollis, Harmon County, Oklahoma (obtained from familysearch.org). Their marriage ended in divorce in the mid-1940s and June later married Max Leon Knotts. June and Claude had one child, Charles Thomas, who was given the Knotts surname when Max adopted him. June and Max together adopted a daughter, Virginia Sue "Susie."*



*June on the square in downtown Altus, Jackson County, Oklahoma, ca. 1940. She married Claude Belt in Hollis, about 35 miles west of Altus. Claude was from Kirkland, Texas, about 40 miles south of Hollis.*



*Left: June Buckner Belt with Carl Kenneth Buckner II in November, 1942, unknown location. Right: Claude Charles Belt with the same person at the same location in November, 1942. Their son, Charles Thomas, was born January 8, 1945.*





*Max and June Knotts cutting the traditional wedding cake on April 3, 1948.*

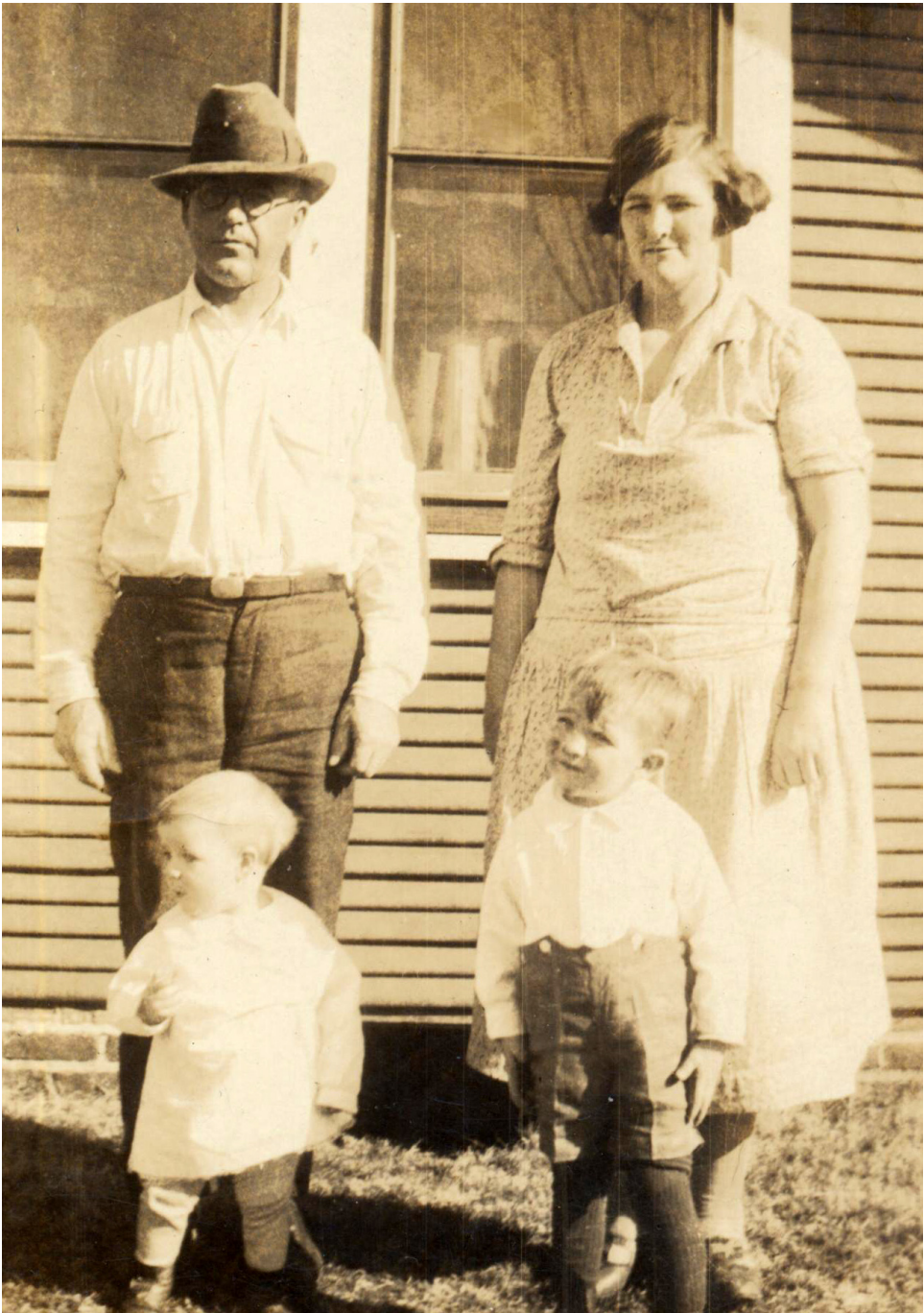


*June with her brother William Don and sister Ruth Ellen, unknown year and location.*



*Jim and Cliffie's sixth child, William Don Buckner  
(March 26, 1924 - February 10, 2009), ca. 1928.*





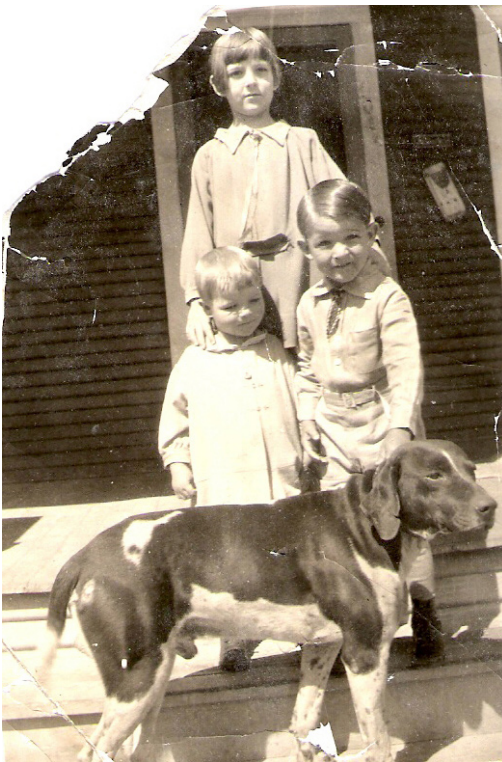
*Early pictures of Don are usually with his younger sister Ruth. This one with Ruth, ca. 1927, is with Jim and Cliffie as well.*



*Left: Don was closer in age to Ruth but some pictures of him were taken with June as well. This one shows Don on the right with Ruth and June, ca. 1928. Since June was older, Cliffie relied on her to help care for the two younger children.*

*Lower left: Don with June and Ruth, ca. 1927 at their home in Morris, Oklahoma. Picture courtesy of Kathy Moss.*

*Below: Cliffie dressed Don and Ruth alike as they were growing up. This picture taken in the mid 1930s is a good example of that.*



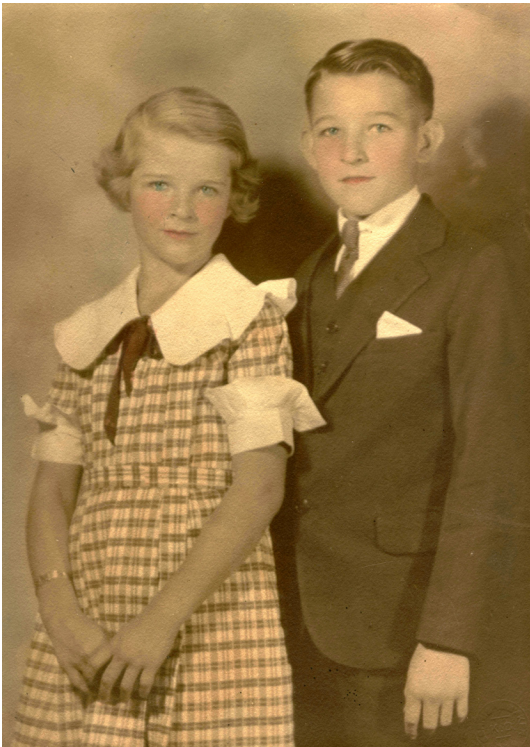




*Left: Don and Ruth Buckner standing in front of an unknown couple and Cliffie standing on the right behind an unknown child at an unknown location.*

*Lower left: Don and Ruth Buckner in the mid 1930s.*

*Below: Don and Ruth Buckner on the Coyle, Oklahoma, oil lease where Jim and Cliffie had their home in the late 1930s and 1940s.*





*After the family moved to the Coyle lease Don and Ruth attended school in Perkins. Both were in the Perkins high school band shown here. Don is in the front row, second student from the left and Ruth is in the back row, fourth from the right.*



*Don met Rita Mae Harral in Perkins. The photo on the left may have been taken at the time of their marriage in 1942. That on the right was taken after he entered the Army in 1943.*



STATE OF OKLAHOMA, } ss:  
NOBLE COUNTY, }

APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

I, Mrs. J. H. Buckner, of Cagle, State of Oklahoma,  
aged forty-eight years, and legally competent to make and take an oath, do solemnly swear that I am acquainted with  
Mr. William D. Buckner, and Miss Rita Mae Harrel, who  
are parties for the marriage of whom License is hereby applied for. The said parties and each of them are of sound contracting mind and unmarried  
and not disqualified or incapable under the law of entering into the marriage relation. That said parties are not of the relationship prohibited by law  
and may lawfully contract and be joined in marriage.

I furthermore do solemnly swear that the following schedule, containing the names of the aforesaid parties, their age, color, place of birth and  
residence are correct in every particular:

NAMES OF PARTIES	AGE	COLOR	PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE
<u>William D. Buckner</u> GROOM	<u>18</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Oklahoma</u>	<u>Cagle, Oklahoma</u>
<u>Rita Mae Harrel</u> BRIDE	<u>17</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Oklahoma</u>	<u>Perkins, Oklahoma</u>

Mrs. J. H. Buckner,  
Applicant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of July, 1942,  
Wm. H. Johnson  
Deputy Court Clerk.

CONSENT TO MARRIAGE.

I, the undersigned, hereby represent that I am the  
mother, of Rita Mae Harrel for whom a  
marriage license is hereby applied for, and the said  
Rita Mae Harrel being under the age, and the age of  
years, I hereby expressly consent to her marriage to William  
D. Buckner.

Witness my hand this 13th day of July, 1942,  
Mrs. Ray Harrel  
on who  
act and

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF NOBLE, ss.

Before me, the undersigned, Deputy Court Clerk in and for  
said County and State, on this 13th day of  
personally appeared Mrs. Ray Harrel to me known to  
be the identical person who executed the above and foregoing instrument,  
and acknowledged to me that she executed the same as her free and  
voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes set forth.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and  
affixed my seal this 13th day of July, 1942,  
Henry Z. Buckner  
Deputy Court Clerk.

Deputy Court Clerk.

NAMES OF PARTIES	AGE	COLOR	PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE
<u>William D. Buckner</u> GROOM	<u>18</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Oklahoma</u>	<u>Cagle, Oklahoma</u>
<u>Rita Mae Harrel</u> BRIDE	<u>17</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Oklahoma</u>	<u>Perkins, Oklahoma</u>

And of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days from this date.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in said County this 13th  
day of July, A. D., 1942.  
Henry Z. Buckner, Court Clerk.  
By Wm. H. Johnson, Deputy.

[SEAL]

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, } ss:  
NOBLE COUNTY, }

I, James V. Gray,  
OFFICIAL OR CLERICAL DESIGNATION Baptist Minister  
COURT OR CONGREGATION

of Perry, in Noble County, Oklahoma, do hereby certify that I joined in Marriage the persons named in and  
authorized by this Court to be married on the 13 day of July, A. D., 1942, at Perry,  
in Noble County, Oklahoma, in the presence of Mrs. J. H. Buckner, of Cagle, Oklahoma  
and Mrs. Ray Harrel, of Perkins, Oklahoma.

Mrs. J. H. Buckner  
Mrs. Ray Harrel } Witnesses: James V. Gray

My credentials are recorded in Ministers' Credential Record No. \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Oklahoma.

Filed in the County Court July 15, 1942.  
Henry Z. Buckner, Court Clerk.  
Wm. H. Johnson, Deputy.

Record of the license application and marriage of William Don Buckner and Rita Mae Harrel in Perry, Noble County, Oklahoma (obtained from familysearch.org). Her mother gave consent for her to marry since she was 17 years old at the time. He was 18. Consent form is lifted on next page.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }  
NOBLE COUNTY, } ss:  
I, Mrs. J. H. Buckner, of Cogle, State of Oklahoma,  
do hereby certify that William D. Buckner and Kita Mae Harrell are  
qualified to be married.

Witness my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 194\_\_\_\_.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF NOBLE, ss.  
Before me, the undersigned, Deputy Court Clerk in and for said County and State, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 194\_\_\_\_, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, to me known to be the identical person who executed the above and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that \_\_\_\_\_ he executed the same as his \_\_\_\_\_ free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes set forth.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 194\_\_\_\_.

Deputy Court Clerk.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }  
NOBLE COUNTY, } ss:  
In the County Court  
To Any Person Authorized to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:  
You Are Hereby Authorized to Join in Marriage  
Mr. William D. Buckner and Miss Kita Mae Harrell  
of the County aforesaid, whose ages, residence, etc., are as follows:

NAMES OF PARTIES	AGE	COLOR	PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE
<u>William D. Buckner</u> GROOM	<u>18</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Oklahoma</u>	<u>Cogle, Oklahoma</u>
<u>Kita Mae Harrell</u> BRIDE	<u>17</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Oklahoma</u>	<u>Perkins, Oklahoma</u>

And of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days from this date.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in said County this 13th day of July, A. D. 1942.

[SEAL] \_\_\_\_\_ By Harry Z. Buckner, Court Clerk.  
W. D. Harrell, Deputy.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }  
NOBLE COUNTY, } ss:  
I, James V. Gray,  
OFFICIAL OR CLERICAL DESIGNATION  
of Perkins,  
PLACE WHERE LOCATED  
in Noble County, Oklahoma, do hereby certify that I joined in Marriage the persons named in and authorized by this Court to be married on the 13 day of July, A. D. 1942, at Perkins, in Noble County, Oklahoma, in the presence of Mrs. J. H. Buckner, of Cogle, Oklahoma and Mrs. Kay Harrell, of Perkins, Oklahoma.

William D. Buckner } Witnesses: James V. Gray  
Kita Mae Harrell }

My credentials are recorded in Ministers' Credential Record No. \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Oklahoma.

Filed in the County Court Jul 15, 1942.  
Harry Z. Buckner, Court Clerk.  
W. D. Harrell, Deputy.



## Our Men In Service

PVT. Don Buckner, 20, recently graduated from radio mechanical school at Truax Field, Madison, Wis., and was selected to remain there as an instructor.



Don Buckner

He spent a short furlough with his wife, the former Rita Mae Harrel, at their home at Perkins a short time ago.

Pvt. Buckner was graduated from Perkins high school where he was a member of the high school band.

Upon completion of high school he took a machinist's course at Oklahoma A. and M. college and was employed by the Spartan Aircraft company at Tulsa as a machinist prior to his induction in the army in April, 1943.

He has one brother, Ralph Buckner, who has been discharged from the Ferry Command.



*Left: Newspaper clipping about Don in the Army, unknown source and date of publication. Above: Jim with Don and Rita Mae at the Morris Road home in Okmulgee.*



*Don and Rita Mae with Cliffie, who is holding Tom Belt (later Tom Knotts), ca. 1946, at an unknown location.*



*Jim and Cliffie's seventh child, Ruth Ellen Buckner  
(February 10, 1926 - June 7, 2005), ca. 1928.*





*Above: Ruth Buckner in the middle between sisters Billie (on left) and Elsie Singleton probably taken in 1934, about the time of the marriage of Eb Buckner and Elsie Singleton. Below: Ruth on right with Don and an unknown friend, ca. 1940.*





*Upper left: Ruth at the time of her graduation from Stillwater High School, ca. 1944. Upper right: Ruth after High School graduation. Below: Ruth with June, unknown date and location.*





*Upper: Jim and Cliffie with Don and Ruth, unknown date and location.  
Below left: Ruth Buckner Moss. Below right: Ruth with Jim, unknown date and location.*





*Wedding picture of Ruth Ellen Buckner and Walter Dan Moss.  
Their children are Kathy and Steve.*





*Photos taken at a family gathering ca. 1950 at the home of June and Max Knotts. Ralph is the only living sibling not in attendance or not photographed. Upper: Back row - Don, Rita Mae, Ruth, Dan, and June. Front row - Elsie, Eb, Cliffie, Jim, Carl, Katherine. Lower: Back row - Rita Mae, Ruth, Dan, June, and Max. Front row - same as top photo. Max took the top pic and Don the bottom, apparently.*



*Photo from the Buckner family gathering at the home of June and Max Knotts, ca. 1950. Attending were the living children (minus Ralph) of Jim and Cliffie and their spouses. Standing from left are Ruth, Don, and June. Seated from left are Eb, Cliffie, Jim, and Carl.*



# James Buckner Dies At Home

James H. Buckner, 72, Morris Road, died yesterday afternoon at his home.

Mr. Buckner had lived in Okmulgee since statehood and worked for the Magnolia Oil Co. for 31 years before retiring. He was a member of the First Baptist church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Clifflie Buckner, of the home; two daughters, Mrs. June Knotts, Tulsa, and Mrs. Ruth Moss, Enid; four sons, James Buckner, Nouma, La., Ralph Buckner, of the home, Carl Buckner, Hominy, and Don W. Buckner, Ponca City, 11 grandchildren; one brother, P. W. Buckner; four sisters, Mrs. Lydia Goforth, Columbus, S. C., Mrs. May Markam, Clovis, N. M., Mrs. Elsie Palmer, Greer, Texas, and Mrs. Rena Geese, Greer, Texas.

Funeral service will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist church. The Rev. James A. Ivey, pastor, will officiate.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by the Davis Funeral Home.

*Obituary for Jim Buckner published in the Okmulgee Daily Times, March 10, 1954.*

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN  
**CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**  
 STATE OF OKLAHOMA - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

LOCAL REGISTRAR'S FILE NO.		STATE FILE NO.	
DECEASED - NAME 1. <b>CLIFFIE CARRIE BUCKNER</b>		DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) 2. <b>JUNE 10, 1993</b>	
RACE (White, Negro, American Indian, Etc.) 3. <b>WHITE</b>		SEX 4. <b>FEMALE</b>	
AGE (Last Birthday) 5a. <b>99</b> 5b. <b>00</b> 5c. <b>00</b>		DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) 6. <b>SEPT 26, 1893</b>	
CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH 7a. <b>OKMULGEE</b>		COUNTY OF DEATH 7b. <b>OKMULGEE</b>	
INSIDE CITY LIMITS 7c. <b>YES</b>		HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION - NAME (If not in either, give Street and Number) 7d. <b>LEISURE MANOR NURSING HOME</b>	
STATE OF BIRTH (If not in U.S.A., Name Country) 8. <b>TEXAS</b>		CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY 9. <b>U.S.A.</b>	
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 12. <b>456 03 1772 D</b>		KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY 13b. <b>HOMEMAKER</b>	
RESIDENCE - STATE 14a. <b>OKLAHOMA</b>		STREET AND NUMBER 14b. <b>1535 E. 6TH. STREET</b>	
FATHER - NAME 15. <b>TOM W. DANIEL</b>		MOTHER - MAIDEN NAME 16. <b>MARTHA JANE FOSTER</b>	
INFORMANT - NAME 17a. <b>MRS. JUNE KNOTTS</b>		MAILING ADDRESS 17b. <b>6406 N. HILLCREST OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73116</b>	
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).) 18. CAUSE OF DEATH IMMEDIATE CAUSE Condition if any, which gave rise to immediate cause(s), stating the underlying cause last (a) <i>Myocardial Infarction</i> (b) <i>ASHO.</i> (c) <i>CHF</i>			
PART II. UNDERLYING CAUSE CONDITIONS: (Conditions contributing to death but not related to cause given in part I (a)) 19a. <i>CHF</i> 19b. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Notice to attending physician: Do not sign this certificate unless you are the physician who attended the deceased for a natural illness-unrelated to injury or poisoning-to which the patient has apparently succumbed, provided that death did not occur while deceased was in penal incarceration or during a therapeutic procedure in which death was not rationally medically expected. For enumeration of deaths subject to investigation and certification by Medical Examiner, refer to O.S. Title 63, Sec. 293, or contact office of Chief Medical Examiner in Oklahoma City.			
CERTIFICATION - Month Day Year 20a. <i>3/21/91</i> TO <i>6/10/93</i>		And last seen alive on 20b. <i>6/10/93</i>	
CERTIFIER - NAME (Type or Print) 21a. <b>JOHN A. GARIS M.D.</b>		SIGNATURE OF CERTIFIER 21b. <i>John A. Garis</i>	
MAILING ADDRESS - CERTIFIER 21d. <b>1101 S. BELMONT OKMULGEE, OK 74447</b>		DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year) 21c. <i>6/14/93</i>	
BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL 22a. <b>BURIAL</b>		DATE 22b. <b>JUNE 12 1993</b>	
LOCATION (Cemetery or Crematory) 23a. <b>OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA</b>		CEMETERY OR CREMATORY - NAME 23b. <b>OKMULGEE CEMETERY</b>	
LOCAL REGISTRAR SIGNATURE 24a. <i>Sharon Burger</i>		FUNERAL HOME - NAME AND ADDRESS (Street or R.F.D. No., City or Town, State, Zip) 24b. <b>KELLEY FUNERAL HOME, OKMULGEE, OK</b>	
DATE RECD. BY LOCAL REG. 24c. <i>6-16-93</i>		FUNERAL DIRECTOR 24d. <b>GARY K. KENLEY</b>	
DATE RECEIVED BY STATE REGISTRAR 25.		26.	



Upper: Death certificate for Cliffie Carrie Daniel Buckner. Below: Gravesite for James Harrison and Cliffie Carrie Daniel Buckner, Okmulgee Cemetery.